

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Itzhak Bentwich

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Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore

Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL,  
REGULATORY GENES AND USES  
THEREOF

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final office action mailed on December 8, 2008 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the \$130 fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), which extends the deadline for response to April 8, 2009. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct them from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin at page 3.